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On Mar 7, 2018, at 9:34 AM, Gordon, Stephanie (Skophammer)
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Hi James, I thought this article did a good job summarizing the issues that have come up in the Pt Reyes General Management Plan Update and is worth a read.

The Contentious Future of Point Reyes -- Here's What You Need to Know

By KQED Science, 3/5/18

On a rocky peninsula with sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean, an hour north of San Francisco, cows, tule elk, and people have shared the land for several hundred years -- but lately, with growing conflict. That's why the National Park Service is rethinking how to manage the rangelands in the Point Reyes National Seashore

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TOP STORIES

California Today: Why This Year's Low Snowpack Doesn't Indicate a Drought

By Jose A. Del Real, New York Times, 3/7/18

Despite the fierce winter storm that brought an avalanche of snow to the Sierra Nevada last week, water officials say the state's snowpack is far behind its desired level. Before the storm, comparisons were being made to record-breaking dry years. So why isn't there more panic about a potential drought?

Weekend storm to deliver welcome rain to drought-stricken California

By Kyle Elliott, AccuWeather, 3/6/18

Following a storm system set to bring drenching rain and mountain snow to the Pacific Northwest late this week, another system will track into Southern California this weekend.

New Study: Eat Your Strawberries Before Climate Change Wipes Them Out

By Tom Philpott, Mother Jones, 3/7/18

Avocados, almonds, peaches, and many other California crops are also threatened.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

GROUNDWATER RIGHTS PRIMER: What Agencies & Project Developers Need to Know

By Maven's Notebook, 3/7/18

California depends on groundwater for a major portion of its annual water supply, and sustainable groundwater management is essential to a reliable and resilient water system.

The Wall and The Tunnels: Multibillion dollar boondoggles share bait and switch financial plans and more

By Jeff Michaels, Valley Economy blog, 3/5/18

For a decade, Metropolitan Water District has been campaigning for the \$16+ billion Delta tunnels. The financial plan: "Farmers will pay!" Well, that hasn't exactly been their line. Instead, the promise has been, "The cost is the same as a latte a month" along with promises of "no subsidies for farmers."

Hetch Hetchy water's long trip from Sierra to San Francisco

By Vill Van Niekerken, San Francisco Chronicle, 3/6/18

Just to the east of Crystal Springs Reservoir sits the Pulgas Water Temple, a landmark commemorating completion in 1934 of the Hetch Hetchy aqueduct, which brought water from the lakes and valleys in the Sierra Nevada Mountains to kitchen taps in the Bay Area. An inscription above the temple's columns reads: "I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people."

WATER SUPPLY & QUALITY

California's Water Hole

By Wall Street Journal Editorial Board, 3/6/18

Storms like the one that have doused arid California in recent days are cause for celebration, but also for better conservation.

How dangerous is raw water?

By Karen D'Souza, Bay Area News Group, 3/6/18

Camping out, sleeping under the stars and waking up to fill your canteen from a beautiful mountain stream. That's part of the appeal of raw water, which has become the latest trend du jour.

Recycled Wastewater at Your Tap? It Could Be Soon in Arizona

By Matt Weiser, Water Deeply, 3/7/18

Arizona has been reusing treated sewage for more than 90 years. Now a new set of rules will allow highly treated wastewater to be plumbed directly into homes and businesses.

State Water Board Adopts Regulations for Augmenting Reservoirs with Treated Recycled Water

By Maven's Notebook, 3/7/18

Providing local water suppliers with a new tool to improve their drought resilience, the State Water Resources Control Board yesterday adopted water quality and other requirements to ensure the safe use of treated recycled water to augment surface water supplies.

Water Reuse Approved by California Water Board

By Matthew Renda, Courthouse News Service, 3/6/18

California's water regulator paved the way for the increased use of recycled water on the same day it instituted new pesticide thresholds for a river on the central coast.

Border Patrol agents say Tijuana River pollution is making them sick, and officials want it fixed

By Greg Moran, Los Angeles Times, 3/6/18

With health complaints continuing from Border Patrol agents who work the polluted areas of the Tijuana River Valley, the federal Customs and Border Protection agency is quietly trying to solve some of the problems of toxic sewage flows from Mexico — on its own.

Short-term Tijuana upgrades respond to "crisis" of cross-border sewage

By Sandra Dibble, San Diego Union-Tribune, 3/6/18

In the wake of rising outcry in San Diego of cross-border flows of contaminated water, trash and sediment from Tijuana, Mexico is moving ahead with a series of short-term upgrades to Tijuana's sewage collection and treatment system aimed at preventing such incidents, and responding with greater speed should they occur.

Nacimiento Lake water isn't lost — it's just going to the Salinas Valley

By Phil Dirkx, The Tribune, 3/5/18

I hope you read about Nacimiento Lake's drought difficulties. It was on the front page of Wednesday's Tribune. Nacimiento Lake is more than half empty, and our winter rainy season is almost over. The lake's water level has been going down steadily.

CLIMATE & WEATHER

Federal court will hold first-ever hearing on climate change science

By Stuart Leavenworth, McClatchy, 3/7/18

A federal judge in San Francisco has ordered parties in a landmark global warming lawsuit to hold what could be the first-ever U.S. court hearing (March 21) on the science of climate change.

Top EPA science adviser uncertain about human role in warming

By Corbin Hiar, E&E News, 3/2/18

The head of U.S. EPA's Scientific Advisory Board today said he wasn't sure if man-made emissions of greenhouse gases were causing climate change. "I really don't know," SAB Chairman Michael Honeycutt told E&E News.

California Would Require Electricity To Be 100 Percent Renewable By 2045 If This Bill Passes

By Ezra David Romero, Capital Public Radio, 3/6/18

Electricity in California would all come from sources like wind and solar if a bill in the Assembly becomes law. Senate Bill 100 starts by boosting the state's renewable electricity requirement to 60 percent by 2030.

California Sets Two New Solar Records

By Julia Pyper, GTM, 3/6/18

Mild temperatures and sunny skies helped California set two new solar records in recent days.

On Sunday, March 4, the California Independent System Operator saw an all-time peak percentage of demand served by solar, hitting a record 49.95 percent at 12:58 p.m.

That's up from the previous peak of 47.2 percent set on May 14, 2017.

WATERSHEDS

'My World Was Burning': The North Bay Fires and What Went Wrong

By KQED News, 3/6/18

Napa County Fire Chief Barry Biermann wasn't scheduled to work until Monday morning, but he decided to head in Sunday, Oct. 8, just in case.

Opinion: Extreme wildfires are changing California. We need a special session on them – now

By Tom Dalzell, Sacramento Bee, 3/6/18

In the months since last year's wildfires, gallons of ink have been spilled on these pages and others diagnosing what went wrong. But while we debate, our climate worsens, wilderness areas dry out from drought, bark beetles continue to turn many forests into graveyards, and our communities remain dangerously vulnerable thanks to inadequate early warning systems and infrastructure that isn't designed to deal with a changing climate.

Klamath Communities Begin a Revolution in Forest Management

By Karuk Tribe, YubaNet.com, 3/6/18

In the wake of one of California's worst wildfire seasons in history, the Karuk Tribe, Six Rivers National Forest, and local watershed groups have just announced plans to implement a new approach to forest management in the heart of the Klamath Basin.

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Habitat work shows benefits for protected salmon

By Christine Souza, AgAlert, 3/7/18

Moving discussions on water and protected species from the courtroom into the field, collaborative projects to benefit salmon are proving helpful in recovering fish, according to participants in the projects.

AGENCIES, PROGRAMS, PEOPLE

The Water Association of Kern County will host its second Kern County Water Summit (today)

By Bakersfield Californian, 3/5/18

It'll feature a full day of discussion about California's most critical water issues — The California WaterFix, groundwater regulations, water rights, a proposed urban tax, a new water bond initiative among other topics.

Groundwater Sustainability Agencies Host Community Workshops on Short-term Funding Options

By Sonoma County Gazette, 3/6/18

A series of community workshops are scheduled to update well owners and others on options for short-term funding of Sonoma County's Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. The workshops will take place in the three groundwater basins in Sonoma County immediately affected by California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Santa Rosa Plain, Sonoma Valley and Petaluma Valley.

County Groundwater Agencies Receive \$4 Million in Grants

By Times Publishing Group, 3/1/18

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on (February 27) recommended three grants in Santa Cruz County totaling \$4 million to help the development of state-mandated groundwater sustainability plans.

Meetings called to update public about last days of Whittaker-Bermite cleanup

By Santa Clarita Valley Signal, 3/5/18

As state officials count down the time remaining in the cleanup of close to 1,000 acres of contaminated land at Whittaker-Bermite, they plan to update the public about the cleanup at two meetings (today).

UC Riverside, UW-Milwaukee Professors Awarded Department of Defense Grant

By Brittney Carolina, UCR Today, 3/6/18

Two University of California, Riverside, scholars have been awarded a \$750,000 grant to develop a practical treatment system to purify the groundwater at Department of Defense, or DoD, sites.

Opinion: Experience and economics show Cal Am takeover by Public Water Now would be disastrous

By David Sosa, Monterey Herald, 3/6/18

Both economic principles and actual experiences tell us that such a takeover would cause residential rates to increase and lead to greater insecurity of water supply and quality.

Installation of new Marysville water main continues (today)

By Jake Abbott, Appeal Democrat, 3/6/18

Installation of a new water main will continue today in Marysville, with work at the intersection of Olive and Fifth streets – district officials say motorists should anticipate significant delays in the area.

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